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Chad

A brief history:

Chad gained independence from France in 1960. War and raiding were frequent in Chad. The largest ethnic group in Chad is the Sara, which consists of 12 “tribal” groups that did not show much unity. The Sara people welcomed the French in 1900 because of their promise to end slave raiding.

Under the French rule most of the attention was placed on the southern part of the country. The French focused mostly on the domains of the economy and educational investments. Many of the people in this area ended up converting to Christianity.

Natural resources: Some of Chad’s natural resources include…

* Oil
* Iron Ore
* Titanium
* Tin
* Gold
* Petroleum

Population: 9,657,000

The literacy percentage in Chad is 30%. The official language of this country is French.

Ethnic groups/rivalries or tribal warfare:

The largest single ethnic group in Chad is the Sara which includes 30% of the population. Some other ethnic groups in Chad are Ngambaye, Mbaye, Goulaye, Moundang, Moussei, and Massa. There are about 15,000 non-indigenous inhabitants in Chad and about 1,000 of these are French.

Impact of diseases in your country:

* Schistosomiasis: endemic in 74 developing countries with 80% of infected people living in sub-Saharan Africa
* Malaria: 1.5-2.5 million estimated annual deaths occurring in sub-Saharan Africa
* HIV/AIDS affects 18,000 children under age 14 --- 4.8%
* Yellow Fever: Fatality Rate less than 20%
* Typhoid

European nations that colonized your country:

Chad did not politically exist until the French conquest of 1900.

Type of government:

The Government of Chad has made incremental progress since 1995. It has done so through implementing structural reforms, and also by improving government finances under two successive structural adjustment programs.

Currently Chad has a republic government. The current president of Chad is Iriss Deby. In 2006 Deby was elected for a third term as president, because his voters supported constitutional changes.

Problems that need to be addressed to country prosper & Solutions:

A current humanitarian issue facing the people of Chad is the fact that 140,000 people are internal refugees. Violence between Chadian and Sudanese militias flares up, leading to Sudan cutting diplomatic relations and Chad responding by closing its border and cutting economic ties. I think to solve these problems we need to try to get a compromise between the two areas and work to have peace.

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